


NATIONAL & PBCC SLUG IT OUT AT WILLOW GROVE


COASTAL CONTENDERS TOTAL 30 RUNS & 41 HITS DURING ACTION-PACKED CONTEST

PHILADELPHIA, PENN. (July 8, 1880) – The top two teams in the Coastal Conference, Philadelphia B.C.C. & National, are playing each other this week in Philadelphia. The opener ended with a 6-3 P.B.C.C. win, but the second game was a slugfest at the Willow Grove Cricket Grounds:



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
National Baseball Club (28-14)	2	0	0	0	4	4	2	1	0	13	18	10
Philadelphia B.C.C. (29-13)	2	0	8	0	0	6	1	0	X	17	23	7



The game got off to a fast start. National scored twice in T1 on a run-scoring Ground Out and a Single by RF Walter Little, and P.B.C.C. matched that in B1 with Runs on Singles by CF James Burke and 1B John Morgan. After a scoreless second stanza, the hosts hammered National with eight Runs in B3 on a Double by Burke, a Single by RF Leroy Moore, a Single by Morgan, Single by substitute SS Lawrence Howard, a Single by P Wendell Levesque, a Single by 2B Frederick Pike, another Double by Burke, and another Single by Moore. Add in a basic Single by LF Charles Washer, and P.B.C.C. racked up nine Hits during their turn to the plate while taking a 10-2 lead.

National got to work in T5, scoring four times to cut P.B.C.C.'s lead to four (6-10), the key hit being a three-run Triple by CF Francis Brown. National then tied the game (10-10) in T6 with another four-run rally, this one fueled by a Passed Ball, run-scoring Ground Out, Single, and Double from Little.

P.B.C.C. responded with the death blow: a six-run rally in B6 to take a 16-10 lead. The first two Runs scored on back-to-back Doubles C Gilbert Ingels & 3B Albert Hogan. The third Run scored via Wild Pitch before another Double, this one by Pike, plated Run #4. Then, Washer took his bat and hit P.B.C.C.'s fourth Double of the inning to drive in the fifth Run, and the final Run scored via Passed Ball. National was able to score three times over the remaining three innings, but that wasn't enough and P.B.C.C. had taken in the win in a 1v2 barnburner.

There were numerous excellent performances by Batsmen at Willow Grove:

- NAT 2B Chester Dudek: 3/6 (all 1B), 2 R, 1 RBI – 2 DEF DP
- NAT SS James Gentile: 3/6 (2B), 3 R, 1 RBI, 4 TB – 2 DEF DP
- NAT RF William Little: 3/6 (2B), 2 R, 2 RBI, 1 BB, 4 TB

- PBCC 3B Albert Hogan: 3/5 (2 2B), 2 R, 1 RBI, 5 TB
- PBCC LF Charles Washer: 3/6 (2 2B), 3 R, 1 RBI, 5 TB, SB
- PBCC CF James Burke: 4/6 (2 2B), 3 R, 3 RBI, 6 TB, SB – OF AST
- PBCC RF Leroy Moore: 3/6 (all 1B), 1 R, 2 RBI
- PBCC SUB Lawrence Howard: 4/4 (2B), 2 R, 3 RBI, 5 TB – PotG

Of the hosts' 23 Hits over the course of the game, a whopping eight went for extra bases, all Doubles. In comparison, three of National's eighteen Hits were of the extra-base variety: two Doubles and a Triple.

Howard's performance looks peculiar given that he was 4/4 as a sub, but he entered for injured SS Gerrie Bos at the start of the third inning and P.B.C.C. scored fifteen of their seventeen Runs after he joined the fray.

The home team victory broke the tie atop the Coastal Championship standings. Philadelphia B.C.C. is now alone in first place at 29-13, while National is 2nd at 28-14 (1 GB), Maryland is 3rd at 24-18 (5 GB), and Trenton Utd. is 4th at 22-20 (7 GB).